



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions 2015 Maryland General Assembly Session

**February 6, 2015
Schedule 18**

PLEASE NOTE: February 6 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 9.

As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 6, 2015

SB 322 Senators Middleton and King

NATURAL RESOURCES – NUISANCE ORGANISMS – REWARD FOR INFORMATION

Authorizing a judge to award a reward to a person providing information leading to a conviction for a violation of specified nuisance organism laws or regulations; requiring a specified reward to be paid from specified fine proceeds in an amount not to exceed a specified percentage of fines imposed; and prohibiting a reward from being awarded to a law enforcement officer or an employee of the Department of Natural Resources.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

NR, § 4-205.1(i) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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SB 323 Senator Bates**MECHANICS' LIENS – DESIGN SERVICES**

Establishing that if the owner of specified land or the owner's agent contracts for the provision of specified services, the land and any improvements are subject to the establishment of a mechanics' lien for the payment of all debts, without regard to the amount, contracted for work done and materials furnished for or about a building, whether or not a building on the land is erected, repaired, rebuilt, or improved; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

RP, § 9-102 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 324 Senator Bates**MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION – LIQUIDATED DAMAGES – ARCHITECTURAL OR ENGINEERING SERVICES**

Excluding a contract for architectural or engineering services from the requirement to include a liquidated damages provision that applies in the event the contractor fails to comply in good faith with specified provisions relating to minority business enterprise participation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SF, § 14-303 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 325 Senator Pugh**LIFE INSURERS – RESERVE INVESTMENTS – LOANS SECURED BY REAL ESTATE**

Altering the maximum term, to not more than 30 years, of specified loans on specified nonresidential and nonfarm real estate that a life insurer may include in its reserve investments; and making conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, § 5-511(g) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 326 **Senator Klausmeier, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMITS – TERM**

Authorizing the Secretary of State Police to set the date for expiration of a handgun permit under specified circumstances; and clarifying that an expiration date for a handgun permit does not apply if the permit is renewed under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, § 5-309 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 327 **Senator Klausmeier, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS**

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations setting standards that use the American Society of Addiction Medicine criteria for treatment, care, and rehabilitation of individuals with a substance use disorder.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 8-402 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 328 **Senator Klausmeier, et al****PRIVATE DETECTIVE AGENCIES – LICENSE TERMS**

Altering the term of a license to conduct business to provide private detective services to 3 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

BOP, § 13-308 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 329 Senator Klausmeier (By Request – Baltimore County Administration)**BALTIMORE COUNTY – CIVIL ACTIONS – SUBPOENA FOR POLICE OFFICER – LIABILITY OF PARTY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF COST**

Requiring a party who requests the issuance of a subpoena in a civil action to compel the attendance of a police officer employed by the Baltimore County Police Department to reimburse the Police Department for the cost of the police officer's salary and travel expenses to attend court; requiring a deposit of \$250 to be tendered when the subpoena is served; providing that a police officer is not required to attend court in response to a subpoena unless the required deposit has been paid; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 7-410 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 330 Senator Klausmeier (By Request – Baltimore County Administration)**BALTIMORE COUNTY CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS – 2015 EDITION – LEGALIZATION**

Legalizing the 2015 Edition of the Baltimore County Code of Public Local Laws and any supplement to the extent to which that code or supplement contains laws enacted by the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 331 Senator Klausmeier**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF**

Altering a specified definition of "public safety employee" to include a deputy sheriff in Baltimore County for purposes of providing enhanced compensation benefits under the Workers' Compensation Law for a compensable permanent partial disability of less than a specified number of weeks under specified circumstances; and providing the Act be applied prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LE, § 9-628(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 332 The President (By Request – Maryland Judiciary)**JUDGESHIPS – CIRCUIT COURTS AND DISTRICT COURT**

Increasing the number of resident judges of the circuit court in Baltimore, Charles, Montgomery, and Prince George’s counties and Baltimore City; and increasing the number of resident judges of the District Court in District 5 (Prince George’s County) and District 6 (Montgomery County).

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

CJ, §§ 1-503 and 1-603(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Budget and Taxation

SB 333 Senator Miller**CALVERT COUNTY – IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNTY ROADS AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE – “QUICK-TAKE” CONDEMNATION**

Proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution to authorize the General Assembly to provide that specified property located in Calvert County may be taken by the County Commissioners of Calvert County for public use immediately on payment of a specified amount to the owner of the property, under specified circumstances and subject to specified conditions; establishing a specified “quick-take” procedure for the acquisition of property by the County Commissioners of Calvert County for specified purposes; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 40D and LG, § 12-524 - added and RP, § 12-101(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 334 Senator Madaleno, et al**THE HUNGER-FREE SCHOOLS ACT OF 2015**

Altering, for fiscal year 2017, a definition to determine the number of students used to calculate the State compensatory education grant for schools that participate in the federal community eligibility program for school meals.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

ED, § 5-207(a)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 335 Senator Simonaire**COMMUNITY COLLEGES – VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING –
EXEMPTION FROM OUT-OF-COUNTY FEES**

Exempting victims of human trafficking from paying a specified out-of-county fee at community colleges in the State; authorizing each board of community college trustees to waive a specified out-of-county fee for specified students; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to adopt specified regulations; providing the regulation include a requirement that an application for a waiver of the out-of-county fee contain specified evidence that the applicant is a victim of human trafficking; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 16-310(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 336 Senator Nathan–Pulliam**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – ELDERLY INMATES –
COMPASSIONATE RELEASE**

Establishing compassionate release as a form of release from incarceration for inmates under specified circumstances; establishing a means of initiating consideration by the Maryland Parole Commission of the appropriateness of granting compassionate release; requiring the Commission to provide for a compassionate release hearing on receipt of a specified request; authorizing the Commission to grant compassionate release on a specified finding; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CS, § 7-309.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 337 Senator Conway (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**PUBLIC HEALTH – EXPEDITED PARTNER THERAPY PROGRAM –
REPEAL OF TERMINATION DATE**

Establishing the Expedited Partner Therapy Program in the Baltimore City Health Department as a permanent program; authorizing a specified advanced practice nurse instead of a certified nurse practitioner to dispense or otherwise provide antibiotic therapy under specified circumstances; repealing a specified reporting requirement; repealing the termination date of the Program; and making conforming and clarifying changes.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

HG, § 18-214.1 and Chapter 146 of the Acts of 2007, § 2, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 338 Senator Conway**MEDICAL RECORDS – AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE – PERSON IN INTEREST**

Altering the definition of “person in interest” as it relates to the disclosure of confidential medical records to include the spouse, parent, or child of a deceased person under specified circumstances; and requiring a specified person in interest to include a specified affidavit with a specified authorization for the disclosure of specified medical records.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, §§ 4-301(l) and 4-303 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 339 Senator Conway**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BALTIMORE CITY – BELVEDERE SQUARE**

Repealing a prohibition on the issuance of a new alcoholic beverages license within and the transfer of an existing alcoholic beverages license into a specified area beginning July 1, 2015; prohibiting an existing Class A license from being transferred into a specified area beginning July 1, 2015; authorizing the consumption of alcoholic beverages within a specified area under specified circumstances; and requiring a specified owner or designee to report quarterly to specified organizations in accordance with specified requirements.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 9-204.1(i) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 340 Senator Conway**ELECTION LAW – VOTING RIGHTS – EX-FELONS**

Altering specified qualifications for voter registration; providing that individuals discharged from incarceration are qualified to register to vote; requiring State authorities to notify individuals of their right to vote on release from incarceration, as specified; mandating that the notice include specified information; requiring the State Administrator of Elections to make arrangements with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to receive monthly reports concerning discharged felons; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EL, §§ 3-102, 3-204, 3-504, and 16-202 - amended and CP, § 6-234 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 341 Senator Lee, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – JOSIAH HENSON PARK**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$275,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission for the planning acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Josiah Henson Park, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 342 Senator Manno**STATE EMPLOYEES – FAIRNESS IN FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES ACT**

Establishing that a State employee shall be immune from liability in any civil, criminal, or administrative action for any representation made by the employee about the employee's compensation for calendar year 2015 if the employee relied in good faith on the amount appropriated in the fiscal year 2015 State operating budget.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

CJ, § 5-809 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 343 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Ethics Commission, State)**PUBLIC ETHICS – ADVISORY BODIES – ADVISORY OPINIONS AND INFORMAL ADVICE**

Authorizing specified advisory bodies to issue informal advice instead of an advisory opinion; and specifying that information related to informal advice provided by an advisory body shall remain confidential and is not subject to specified publication requirements.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

GP, § 5-301 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 344 Senator Pugh, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – EMERGENCY USE AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE PROGRAM**

Establishing the Emergency Use Auto-Injectable Epinephrine Program in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; establishing the purpose of the Program as a means of authorizing persons to obtain and store auto-injectable Epinephrine and administer auto-injectable Epinephrine to individuals who are experience anaphylaxis and medical services are not available; authorizing the Department to adopt specified regulations, collect specified fees, issue and renew specified certificates, approve specified training programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, §§ 13-7A-01 through 13-7A-10 - added

Assigned to: Finance and Judicial Proceedings

SB 345 Senators Middleton and King**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – ENHANCED AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT**

Altering a specified definition as it relates to a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax to allow the subtraction if a specified nutrient management plan is prepared by an individual with a specified certification instead of a specified license; altering a specified definition to include specified manure loading or hauling and commercial fertilizer application equipment; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 10-208(d) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 346 Senator Pugh, et al**PHARMACISTS – SCOPE OF PRACTICE – REVISIONS**

Authorizing pharmacists to administer a drug or biological product that is prescribed by an authorized prescriber in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Board of Pharmacy; authorizing pharmacists to prescribe self-administered medications that do not require a diagnosis or that treat urgent or emergent conditions in accordance with specified protocols and specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, § 12-101(b) and (t) - amended and §§ 12-509 and 12-510 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 347 Senator Pugh, et al**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PRESCRIBER–PHARMACIST AGREEMENTS AND THERAPY MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS**

Authorizing licensed dentists, physicians, podiatrists, nurse midwives, and nurse practitioners to enter into prescriber–pharmacist agreements for therapy management contracts; requiring the submission of specified documents to specified health occupations boards; requiring specified contracts to include specified provisions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, §§ 12-6A-01, 12-6A-03 through 12-6A-08, and 12-6A-10 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 348 Senator Edwards**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ALLEGANY COUNTY – SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL LICENSE**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Allegany County to issue a special beer festival license for specified purposes; authorizing the holder of the license to display and sell beer for consumption on or off the licensed premises on specified days and hours subject to specified limitations; requiring the holder to hold a specified other license; authorizing the Board to approve 4 weekends each year for the festival; authorizing the Board to approve specified premises for the festival; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 8-810 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 349 Senator Lee**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – BETHESDA GRACEFUL GROWING TOGETHER COMMUNITY CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$400,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Graceful Growing Together, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Bethesda Graceful Growing Together Community Center, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 350 Senator Edwards, et al**PROCUREMENT – VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – PARTICIPATION GOAL**

Increasing the participation goal from 0.5% to 5% for specified veteran-owned business enterprises for specified procurement contracts.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SF, § 14-602 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 351 Senator Ready, et al**CYBERSECURITY INVESTMENT INCENTIVE TAX CREDIT – ELIGIBLE INVESTMENTS**

Altering the definition of investment for the cybersecurity investment incentive tax credit to include convertible debt; defining a specified term; and providing that the Act shall apply to investments made in qualified Maryland cybersecurity companies after June 30, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TG, § 10-733(a)(6) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 352 Senator Pinsky**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – GREENBELT LAKE DAM REPAIR**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$285,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Greenbelt for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Greenbelt Lake Dam, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 353 Senator Hershey**ELECTRIC COMPANIES – INSTALLATION OF SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY – NEW INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

Requiring a person who is negotiating a specified solar installation and interconnection contract with a customer to contact the customer's electric company to determine whether the electric company is accepting new interconnection agreements in the customer's property area and to notify the customer of this determination before the contract is executed; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PU, § 7-306.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 354 Senator Hershey**QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2015**

Establishing a refillable container permit for draft beer in Queen Anne's County; authorizing the Queen Anne's County Board of License Commissioners to issue the permit to a holder of a specified license under specified circumstances and conditions; specifying that the permit authorizes the permit holder to sell draft beer for consumption off the licensed premises in a refillable container under specified circumstances and conditions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, §§ 8-103 and 9-218(b) - amended and § 8-218.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 355 Senator McFadden (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**BALTIMORE CITY – HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BALTIMORE CITY – SUBSIDIARY ENTITIES**

Providing that a not-for-profit entity shall be deemed controlled by the Housing Authority of Baltimore City under specified circumstances; and altering the applicability of specified tax exemption provisions for property of a subsidiary entity of a Baltimore Housing Authority entity.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HS, § 12-104 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 356 Senator McFadden (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION – LOW INCOME HOUSING – OWNERSHIP BY LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Providing for an exemption, under specified circumstances, from property tax for real property if, under specified circumstances, the owner of the real property is a specified limited liability company or is a specified limited partnership whose managing general partner is a specified limited liability company; providing that the real property may be exempt from property tax only under specified circumstances; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2015; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TP, § 7-503 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 357 Senator McFadden (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**PROGRAM OPEN SPACE – BALTIMORE CITY GRANTS – INCREASE AND INFLATION ADJUSTMENT**

Increasing, from \$1,500,000 to \$6,000,000, a specified statutory minimum grant to Baltimore City, payable from the State's share of the proceeds of Program Open Space, for specified purposes related to Program Open Space; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to increase the grant each fiscal year by applying the growth in a specified consumer price index to the amount of grants received in the prior fiscal year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

NR, § 5-903(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 358 Senator Klausmeier, et al**WORKERS' COMPENSATION – PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY
COMPENSATION – REVERSAL OR MODIFICATION OF AWARD**

Applying a specified provision of law relating to the reversal or modification of an award for permanent partial disability compensation to the Workers' Compensation Commission; clarifying that, for purposes of a specified provision of law relating to the reversal or modification of an award for permanent partial disability compensation, the payment of any new compensation awarded is subject to a monetary credit for compensation previously awarded and paid; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LE, § 9-633 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 359 Calvert County Senators**CALVERT COUNTY – CONTRACTS AND PURCHASING – BIDDING
PROCESS**

Increasing the threshold amount from \$15,000 to \$100,000, above which contracts for the purchase of supplies or services by Calvert County are required to be made through a competitive bidding process; altering the threshold amount from \$15,000 to \$100,000, below which purchases or contracts may be awarded by Calvert County without complying with specified bidding procedures; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PLL of Calvert County, Art. 5, §§ 6-101 and 6-102 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 360 Calvert County Senators**CALVERT COUNTY – BUDGET HEARINGS AND PROCEDURES**

Altering the procedures for preparing and adopting a budget for Calvert County; requiring each county department, agency, or board receiving county funds to submit a specified itemized budget request on or before a date set by the County Commissioners of Calvert County; requiring the County Commissioners to conduct a public hearing on a specified staff-recommended budget and a subsequent public hearing on the County Commissioners' budget; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PLL of Calvert Co, Art. 5, § 5-102 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 361 Calvert County Senators**CALVERT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BOTTLE CLUBS – PROHIBITED**

Defining a “bottle club” in Calvert County to mean a restaurant or club where specified persons undertake specified activities under specified circumstances; prohibiting a person from operating a bottle club in the county; prohibiting specified activities with respect to alcoholic beverages at a bottle club in the county; providing that specified entities may not be considered a bottle club for specified purposes under specified conditions; and providing a specified penalty for a violation of the Act.

EMERGENCY BILL

Art. 2B, § 20-103.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 362 Calvert County Senators**CALVERT COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Calvert County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$51,925,000 to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in Calvert County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 363 Senator Bates, et al**GREAT PRESCHOOLS TAX CREDIT PROGRAM**

Allowing an individual or a corporation a credit against the State income tax for contributions to specified scholarship-granting organizations; providing for the carryover of unused credits for 3 years; requiring scholarship-granting organizations to take specified actions to be eligible for donations for which a tax credit may be claimed; requiring the Comptroller to administer the Great Preschools Tax Credit Program; applying the Act to taxable years after 2014; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 10-737 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 364 Senator Kasemeyer**ALTERNATE CONTRIBUTORY PENSION SELECTION – RETURN TO EMPLOYMENT**

Allowing an individual to resume participation in the Alternate Contributory Pension Selection in the Employees' Pension System or Teachers' Pension System if the individual has been separated from employment for more than 4 years, by June 30, 2011, has accrued the minimum amount of eligibility service needed to be eligible for a vested allowance, and by June 30, 2016, has returned to employment in a position included in the Employees' Pension System or Teachers' Pension System.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SP, § 23-215.1 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 365 Senator Ferguson, et al**ONE MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT – BUSINESS INCUBATORS**

Altering eligibility criteria for credits under the One Maryland Economic Development Tax Credit to include persons who establish or expand a business facility that, for specified business incubators, creates at least 25 qualified positions at the facility under specified circumstances; requiring, in order to be certified as a qualified business entity for specified credits, a specified business incubator to submit specified information to the Secretary of Business and Economic Development; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

EC, §§ 6-402 and 6-404 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 366 Senator Kelley, et al**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – SENTENCING REVIEW AND PAROLE ELIGIBILITY – JUVENILE OFFENDERS SENTENCED AS ADULTS**

Authorizing parole eligibility for a person sentenced for an offense committed before the person's 18th birthday under specified circumstances; authorizing a specified parole hearing date no later than every 3 years for an inmate not granted parole after becoming eligible; authorizing representation of counsel for a specified person under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CS, § 7-310, CR, § 14-104, and CP, § 6-234 - added and CS, § 7-301 and CP, §§ 8-102 and 8-105 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 367 Senator Kelley, et al**CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES – SELECTION, QUALIFICATIONS, AND TERM OF OFFICE**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution repealing provisions relating to election of circuit court judges; requiring the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint a qualified person to fill a vacancy in the office of a judge of the circuit court; altering the term of office of circuit court judges from 15 to 10 years; requiring the Governor to reappoint a circuit court judge, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, upon the expiration of the judge's term; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. IV, §§ 2 and 3 - amended, §§ 5, 18B, and 21A - repealed, and §§ 5 and 5B - added and Art. XVIII, § 6 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 368 Senator Kelley**WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE – CANCELLATION AND NONRENEWAL – NOTICE**

Altering the time period from 30 to 45 days within which an insurer, except under specified circumstances, must serve a specified notice on an employer and file a copy of the notice with a specified individual if the insurer is canceling or refusing to renew a workers' compensation insurance policy before its expiration.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, § 19-406 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 369 Senator Rosapepe**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – CITY OF COLLEGE PARK – CLASS D BEER AND WINE LICENSE**

Authorizing a specified Class D (on-sale) beer and wine license issued for specified premises in the City of College Park to be converted, on or after July 1, 2015, into a specified Class D (on- and off-sale) beer and wine license for specified other premises in the City of College Park.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 9-217(l)(3) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 370 Senator Rosapepe, et al**UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, REGULATION, AND PRIVACY ACT OF 2015**

Providing that only the State may enact a law or take other action to prohibit, restrict, or regulate the testing or operation of unmanned aircraft systems; preempting specified county and municipal authority and providing that specified laws or ordinances are superseded; specifying that federal preemption is not affected by the Act; requiring the Department of Business and Economic Development, in consultation with the University of Maryland and other interested parties, to study specified benefits; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

EC, § 14-301 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 371 Senator Rosapepe**STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY AREAS**

Requiring the State Highway Administration, under specified circumstances, to make a determination on whether to designate specified areas as bicycle and pedestrian priority areas by specified dates; requiring the Administration to adopt a specified statewide policy on or before September 30, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 8-204(c) and (i) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 372 Senator Feldman, et al**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for contributions to a specified first-time homebuyer savings account during a taxable year and specified earnings on the account; providing that an account holder may claim the subtraction modification under specified circumstances; providing that transfers of money to or from the account are subject to specified requirements and limitations; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 10-208(v) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 373 Senator Feldman, et al**RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – REVISIONS
(MARYLAND CLEAN ENERGY ADVANCEMENT ACT OF 2015)**

Altering the minimum required percentage of energy that must be derived from Tier 1 renewable sources in the State's renewable energy portfolio standard in specified years; altering the minimum required percentage of Tier 1 renewable energy that must be derived from solar energy in the State's renewable energy portfolio standard in specified years; establishing renewable energy portfolio standards for 2018 to 2025; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PU, §§ 7-703(b)(13), (14), (15), (16), and (17) and 7-705(e)(1) and (4) - amended and § 7-703(b)(18), (19), and (20) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 374 The President (By Request) – Office of the Attorney General), et al**MARYLAND FALSE CLAIMS ACT**

Prohibiting specified actions constituting false claims against a governmental entity; providing specified penalties for making false claims; requiring the court to consider and give special attention to specified factors in determining the amount of fines and penalties to be levied under the Act; authorizing a person and the governmental entity to file a civil action against a person that makes a specified false claim under specified circumstances; providing that the Act does not apply to specified claims, records, or statements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

GP, §§ 8-101 through 8-111 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 375 Senator Salling, et al**HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – APPLICATION
REQUIREMENT – REPEAL**

Repealing a requirement that a homeowner submit a specified application to the Department of Assessments and Taxation to receive the homestead property tax credit; repealing specified deadlines and procedures for filing the application for the homestead property tax credit; repealing a requirement that the Comptroller assist the Department with specified matters relating to applications for the homestead property tax credit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TP, § 9-105(d)(1) and (n) - amended and § 9-105(d)(6), (l), and (m) - repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 376 **Senator Salling, et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – QUALIFIED MARYLAND TOLL EXPENSES**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for specified tolls paid through the use of the E-ZPass Maryland program; requiring a taxpayer to submit specified documentation to qualify for the subtraction modification; defining specified terms; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 10-208(v) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 377 **Senator Salling, et al****MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Maryland Transportation Authority to include specified members of the General Assembly as nonvoting members of the Authority serving in an advisory capacity only; specifying criteria concerning the appointment, tenure, and compensation of the legislative members of the Authority; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 4-202 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 378 **Senator Salling****BALTIMORE COUNTY – SUNDAY HUNTING**

Repealing a specified restriction on Sunday deer hunting in Baltimore County; and authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person in Baltimore County to hunt any game bird or game mammal, except migratory game birds and wetland game birds, on Sunday during the open season for that game bird or game mammal on private land.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

NR, § 10-410(a) - ammended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 379 Senator Salling**TRANSPORTATION – FRANCIS SCOTT KEY BRIDGE AUTHORITY**

Establishing the Francis Scott Key Bridge Authority to finance, construct, operate, and maintain the Francis Scott Key Bridge; providing for the members, appointment, terms, chair, and staff of the Authority; prohibiting the Department of Transportation from exercising jurisdiction or authority over the Francis Scott Key Bridge; authorizing the Authority to take specified actions in the performance of its duties; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TR, § 4-101(h)(1) - amended and §§ 4.5-101 through 4.5-412 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 380 Senator Mathias**VEHICLE LAWS – SINGLE REGISTRATION PLATE – CLASS L (HISTORIC) VEHICLES AND CLASS N (STREET ROD) VEHICLES**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration, when it registers a Class L (historic) vehicle or Class N (street rod) vehicle, to issue a single registration plate for the vehicle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, §§ 13-410(a) and 13-936.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 381 Senator Mathias, et al**STATE GOVERNMENT – DISPLAY OF THE POW/MIA FLAG ON STATE BUILDING GROUNDS**

Requiring the Secretary of General Services and the Secretary of Transportation to cause the POW/MIA flag to be flown on the grounds of State buildings under their control whenever the flag of the United States is flown; defining “POW/MIA flag” as the POW/MIA flag of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SF, § 4-210 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 382 Senator Hershey**ELECTRIC COMPANIES – CUSTOMER CHOICE OF ELECTRICITY
SUPPLIER – SMART METERS**

Requiring specified regulations or orders to specify a specified timing for an electric company to process a specified transaction for enrollment from an electricity supplier; requiring an electric company, if a customer has a smart meter, to process a transaction for enrollment from an electricity supplier to be effective within three business days after receiving the transaction from the electricity supplier.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PU, § 7-507(e-1) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 383 Senators Hershey and Eckardt**PUBLIC SAFETY – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF FIRE
COMPANIES AS DEPUTY SHERIFFS – CAROLINE COUNTY AND
TALBOT COUNTY**

Altering the applicability in Caroline County of specified provisions governing the appointment and duties of members of fire companies as deputy sheriffs; and providing for the appointment and duties of members of fire companies as deputy sheriffs in Talbot County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, §§ 7-302(a), (d), (e), and (f)(4) and 7-303(a) through (d) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 384 Senator Nathan–Pulliam**MENTAL HYGIENE COMMUNITY–BASED SERVICES FUND –
RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION PROGRAMS**

Requiring that specified funds in the Mental Hygiene Community–Based Services Fund that are used to increase the availability of specified housing and employment opportunities for specified individuals include services provided in residential rehabilitation programs developed by community health providers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 10-208 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 385 Senator Nathan–Pulliam**SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT PROGRAMS –
PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations setting standards that use the American Society of Addiction Medicine criteria for treatment, care, and rehabilitation of individuals with a substance use disorder; requiring, on or before January 1 of each year, the Behavioral Health Administration to submit a copy of a specified evaluation to the Governor and the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 8-402 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 386 Senator Hough**COURTS – CERTIFICATE OF MERIT – PROVIDER OF PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES**

Requiring the contents of the certificate of a qualified expert to include a statement from a qualified expert that the licensed professional failed to meet an applicable standard of professional care and supervision; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 3-2C-02 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 387 Senator Hough**AGREEMENTS TO DEFEND OR PAY THE COST OF DEFENSE – VOID**

Providing that specified provisions in a contract or an agreement relating to architectural, engineering, inspecting, or surveying services that purport to require the promisor or indemnitor to defend or pay the costs of defending specified promisees or indemnitees against liability for specified damages are against public policy and are void and unenforceable under specified circumstances; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 5-401(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 388 Senator Hough, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAMS**

Adding community conferencing, community mediation, and similar agreements to the list of requirements for the entering of a nolle prosequi or stet for which a petition for expungement of court, police, and other governmental records may be filed; prohibiting the filing of a specified petition for expungement until community conferencing, community mediation, or specified other agreements are completed under specified circumstances; prohibiting expungement under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CP, § 10-105 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 389 Senator Montgomery, et al**STATE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX – RATE CHANGES**

Altering the State income tax rates for specified income of individuals; requiring the Comptroller to waive, under specified circumstances, interest and penalties imposed on an individual relating to payment of estimated income tax for calendar year 2015; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 10-105(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 390 Senator Montgomery, et al**EDUCATION – DUE PROCESS HEARINGS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES – BURDEN OF PROOF**

Requiring specified public agencies to bear a specified burden of proof in due process hearings that are held to resolve a dispute relating to the provision of a free appropriate public education; providing a specified exception for a parent or guardian seeking tuition reimbursement for a unilateral placement; and establishing that a specified provision of law is not intended to change specified record-keeping requirements or what constitutes a free appropriate public education under federal or State law.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 8-413 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 391 **Senator Montgomery****STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS –
LICENSES, PERMITS, AND REGISTRATIONS – PROCESSES AND
CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS**

Clarifying that a specified process for regulating crematories must provide for the registration of crematory operators or the issuance of permits for operating crematories; requiring specified applicants to the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors to submit to a specified criminal history records check; requiring specified applicants to submit specified fingerprints and specified fees to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, § 7-205(c) - amended and § 7-301.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 392 **Senator Montgomery, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – ASSAULT – FIRST RESPONDERS**

Prohibiting a person from intentionally causing physical injury to another if the person knows or has reason to know that the other is a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, a rescue squad member, or any other first responder engaged in providing emergency medical care or rescue services; and increasing penalties for assaulting specified individuals from 10 up to 15 years imprisonment or a fine not to exceed \$5,000 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, § 3-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 393 **Senator Raskin, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – COSTS OF CARE FOR SEIZED ANIMALS**

Establishing that the owner or custodian of an animal seized or removed under specified provisions of law is liable for specified costs relating to the care of the animal during a specified period; requiring a person who seizes or removes an animal under specified provisions of law to post a specified notice in a specified manner; requiring a specified seizing authority to make a reasonable attempt to provide a specified notice under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, § 10-615 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 394 Senator Raskin, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – HAZING**

Providing that the offense of hazing is committed by subjecting a student to the risk of serious bodily injury regardless of whether injury actually occurs; and increasing the penalty from \$500 to \$5,000 for a specified offense relating to subjecting a student to the risk of serious bodily injury for the purpose of an initiation into a student organization of a school, college, or university.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, § 3-607 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 395 Senator Raskin, et al**DRUNK DRIVING REDUCTION ACT OF 2015**

Requiring an individual who is convicted of a specified alcohol offense to participate in the Ignition Interlock System Program for specified periods of time and to successfully complete the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 16-404.1(d)(1)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 396 Senator Pugh**PROCUREMENT – PROSPECTIVE RESPONSIBLE BIDDERS OR OFFERORS – TRANSITIONING TO BE PRIME CONTRACTORS**

Prohibiting a unit from placing specified requirements on prospective responsible bidders or offerors; and prohibiting a unit from drafting specifications requiring unnecessary experience or excessive bonding on prospective responsible bidders or offerors.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SF, § 13-205 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 397 Senator Pugh, et al**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION – LICENSEES – DUTIES AND IMMUNITIES – EMPLOYEES**

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt rules and regulations for licensees of the Developmental Disabilities Administration to obtain and provide information on employees; requiring the rules and regulations to require a licensee to carry out specified duties; requiring a licensee to respond in a specified manner to a request for information; requiring a licensee to have specified immunities under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HG, § 7-901 - amended and §§ 7-911 through 7-913 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 398 Senators Pugh and Muse**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECTS OR VIRTUAL NET ENERGY METERING – STUDY**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to convene a stakeholder workgroup to study and make recommendations on the establishment of a program to allow specified customers to participate in community solar projects or virtual net energy metering; requiring the workgroup to examine specified matters relating to the establishment of a specified program; requiring the Commission to report to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2016; and providing for the termination of the Act at the end of June 30, 2017.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Assigned to: Finance

SB 399 Senators Pugh and Muse**HEALTH CARE MALPRACTICE CLAIMS – USE OF CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES**

Requiring a claim for damages due to medical injury to be referred to the Director of the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office to select an independent medical review panel if a defendant asserts as a defense that specified clinical practice guidelines apply and the defendant acted in accordance with the guidelines; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations establishing clinical practice guidelines for obstetrical and gynecological services; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

CJ, §§ 3-2A-03A and 3-2A-03B and HG, §§ 2-701 and 2-702 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 400 Senator Pugh, et al**STATE GOVERNMENT – COMMEMORATIVE MONTHS –
ALZHEIMER’S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim the month of June as Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month and to urge the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of Aging, in conjunction with specified entities, to properly observe Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities, including specified summits and updates.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

GP, § 7-504 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 401 Senator Astle, et al**UNDERGROUND UTILITY DAMAGE PREVENTION – CONNECTING
BUILDINGS TO SEWERAGE SYSTEMS – DETECTABLE WIRES**

Requiring that any new or replacement piping that is buried or installed for the purpose of connecting a building to a sewerage system be buried or installed with an insulated copper tracer wire that is suitable for direct burial and has an American wire gauge (AWG) of at least 10, or an equivalent product that make the piping detectable; requiring that the wire buried or installed with the piping meet specified product and installation criteria, and run from specified locations along the piping and sewerage system; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EN, § 9-223.1 and PU, §§ 12-129 and 24-107 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 402 Senator Madaleno**FAMILY LAW – DE FACTO PARENT**

Authorizing a court, on request of specified parties in specified judicial proceedings, to determine whether an individual is a de facto parent of a child; authorizing an individual asserting de facto parent status to intervene in or initiate a specified judicial proceeding; establishing that an individual who is judicially determined to be a de facto parent has specified duties, rights, and obligations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, § 5-207 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 403 Senator Madaleno**EDUCATION – MARYLAND COUNCIL ON ADVANCEMENT OF SCHOOL–BASED HEALTH CENTERS**

Establishing the Maryland Council on Advancement of School–Based Health Centers; specifying the duties of the Council; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Council; prohibiting a member of the Council from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Council to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Council to report its findings and recommendations on or before December 31 of each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ED, §§ 7-4A-01 and 7-4A-05 - repealed and added and §§ 7-4A-02 through 7-4A-04 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 404 Senator Cassilly**CRIMINAL LAW – ARSON, BURNING, MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION, AND THEFT – PROPERTY OF ANOTHER – DEFINITION**

Defining the term “property of another” as used in specified provisions prohibiting arson, burning, and the malicious destruction of property to conform with the definition found in provisions relating to theft and related crimes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, §§ 6-101(d) and (e), 6-301, and 7-101(j) - amended and § 6-101(d) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 405 Senator DeGrange, et al**MARYLAND EDUCATION CREDIT**

Providing a tax credit against the State income tax for contributions made to specified student assistance organizations; requiring the Department of Business and Economic Development to administer the tax credit; requiring specified entities to submit an application to be a student assistance organization on or before December 1 of each year; establishing the Maryland Education Tax Credit Reserve Fund; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, §§ 10-205(l), 10-306(g), and 10-737 - added and EC, § 2-123(a)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 406 **Senator Simonaire****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – SELECTION OF MEMBERS**

Establishing a procedure for the election and appointment of specified members of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education; repealing provisions governing the appointment of all members of the county board; requiring the County Executive of Anne Arundel County and the Governor to appoint specified members of the School Board Nominating Commission of Anne Arundel County; increasing the amount of compensation from \$8,000 to \$14,000 for the President of the County Board and from \$6,000 to \$12,000 for other Board members; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, §§ 3-110 and 3-114 - amended and §§ 3-2A-01 through 3-2A-09 - added
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED February 6, 2015**SJ 2** **Senator Pinsky, et al****UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION – AMENDMENTS CONVENTION – DEMOCRACY AMENDMENT**

Applying to the U.S. Congress for an amendments convention called under Article V of the U.S. Constitution, on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states, to propose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that affirms every citizen's freedom to vote and restores free and fair elections in America.

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SENATE BILL REASSIGNED February 5, 2015**SB 279** **Senator Montgomery, et al****PROCUREMENT – PUBLIC WORK CONTRACTS – CONTRACTOR
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a prospective bidder or offeror when submitting a bid or offer for a public work contract to submit to the public body a specified contractor safety and health plan and a specified attestation; requiring a contract safety and health plan to include specified information; requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to develop a specified safety and health calculation worksheet and specified safety and health rating system; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SF, §§ 17-801 through 17-807 - added

Reassigned to: Finance